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In re Appln. of: Pavcnik et al.

Appln. No.: 10/719,415

Examiner: Christopher D.  
Prone

Filed: November 21, 2003

Art Unit: 3738

For: STENT TISSUE GRAFT PROSTHESIS

Attorney Docket No: 8627/1318

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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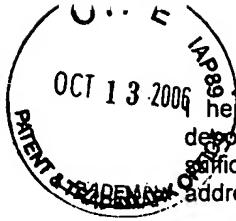
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## AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 13, 2006, Applicant has timely filed this Amendment by Certificate of Mailing. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objections and rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following remarks and amended claims.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Claim Status** begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.